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Home rule for partisan advantage only is the policy of the Democrats at Jefferson City.

As the session of the legislature draws to a close the Democratic caucus becomes less and less potent in promoting partisan propositions.

Strange it is that the Democratic leaders of Missouri could never see any virtue in the doctrine of home rule for the cities till a Republican Governor took the police and excise commissioners out of politics.

The masterful manner in which Governor Hadley has handled the interest of the State at Jefferson City this winter and held in check a bitter partisan spirit has endeared him more than ever to the people of the State.

The main business of the present Democratic majority in the Legislature was accomplished when a Democrat was elected to succeed Senator Warner. The record made after Reed's election will not contribute much to the election of a Democrat to succeed Senator Stone in 1915.

If the Democratic majority in the Legislature sincerely desires to "open up" the cities why do they not take up and pass one of the several pending bills providing for open saloons on Sunday instead of trying to bring about the same result with pretentious "home rule" bills? Those would be cunning Democratic leaders are not fooling anybody.

Mr. Cowherd, Democratic nominee for Governor in 1908, declared emphatically against the election of excise, police and election commissioners for the cities. The Democratic leaders in the Legislature now want all such commissioners elected by the people of the cities and relieved from all restraint on the part of the State. Loosing the State twice in succession had a dreadful effect on the Democratic mind.

The alleged home rule bills of the Democratic caucus were not proposed in good faith, and are not acceptable to the cities, and are not in harmony with any authorized declaration of the Democratic party. They are diametrically opposed to the long established policy of Missouri Democrats. They would put the police and saloons and the vicious elements of the cities in politics again and would open the way for such corruption as prevailed in St. Louis and Kansas City before former Governor Folk was elected.

A resolution, passed by the House, censuring Governor Hadley for advising the Legislature against the passage of the Democratic home rule bills, recites the fact that never before in the history of the Missouri Legislature has a Governor opposed pending bills in a message or threatened their veto. The resolution is incomplete. It ought to have recited also the fact that never before in the history of Missouri has an honest, conscientious and devoted governor been compelled to use such a method to exhibit the hypocrisy of a partisan majority concerning important legislation. Governor Hadley simply followed the David Hareid idea; "Do unto the other feller as he would do unto you, only do it first."

Playing politics is not the business of real statesmen in a legislative body. The men who spent their time and the money of the people trying to create political capital for a state campaign cannot be classed as statesmen; nor are they effective politicians.

Democratic members of the appropriations committees of the legislature would hinder the success of Republican State officials by limiting their expenditures, as if Republican servants of the State have less right to public money than Democratic servants. Such a pusillanimous policy ought to arouse the fair minded people of the State and damn the Democratic leaders who are responsible for it.

In the State Senate the bill desired by the citizens of Joplin and Springfield to enable those cities to adopt a better form of government was defeated by the votes of nineteen Democrats, who were opposed to it because it was approved by Republicans. No other tangible or potent reason was given. The fact Republican citizens were active in behalf of it was enough, although many prominent Democrats in both cities favored it. Wonder if the people of Joplin and Springfield will forget this extremely partisan act of the Democratic leaders in the Legislature.

The Allee bill providing for \$3,000,000 in bonds with which to construct a new capitol passed the Senate Thursday, only four Senators opposing it. It will pass the house this week and will be signed by the Governor. Then a bill for a special election in July to ratify the bond act, and also providing all the machinery necessary for determining the site and for the construction of the building will be passed, and the capitol proposition will be squarely before the people. This legislation received an impetus last week when it became known that Governor Hadley would not call a special session and that responsibility for indefinite delay in the matter of preparation for a new capitol would rest entirely with the General Assembly.

Very little encouragement has been given to any capitol removal proposition. It is the general opinion that the new capitol will be erected within an enclosure, or park, comprising the present capitol grounds and the block intervening between those grounds and the new Supreme Court building, and including also a half block west of the Federal building. Such an enclosure will make a fine site for a handsome capitol, which can be located far enough away from the bluff to prevent annoyance from the smoke and noise of the railroad yards located between the bluff and the river. Options have been obtained on the ground to be added to the capitol park at very reasonable figures, and the State cannot be forced to pay more than it is worth.

Timely Topics

BY OBSERVER

The seating of William Lorimer by the senate shows how dull have become the moral sensibilities of the average man. The key note struck by Roosevelt when he refused to sit at a banquet was a high, righteous and proper one and approved by the people. But though the national conscience has lost the healthy sensitiveness that results from frequent exercise on the moral issues of public and political life, it is still keenly mindful of the call of duty. All that is needed to rouse the nation to all its pristine virtues and make con-

science once more a vigilant monitor, is the example and leadership of good, patriotic and ardent men infused with the true solitude for things that are right and just. The people will respond to the call of such men and strengthen them with the power of public opinion. The men of Rockford, Ill., were called in mass meeting and expressed a strong sense of indignation in resolutions that demanded the resignation of both their United States senators, Lorimer and Cullom. The probability that this feeling of repudiation may spread over the state is hinted at in dispatches, and if it does, its significance and authority should be sufficient to disturb the impudent composure of even a Lorimer. If the Recall were now embodied in the law of Illinois, there would be a splendid opportunity to give it effect. No better illustration of the necessity for its exercise could well be imagined.

The record of the late Congress was almost barren of important constructive legislation. As usual with this peaceful republic of ours, military expenditures were promptly attended to and occupy a conspicuous place. Two battle ships and three millions for canal fortification were provided for, although in the opinion of many, both of them were quite needless. The creation of two forest preserves in the north and south ranges of the eastern states is a continuation of what the nation has endorsed as a wise policy inaugurated by Roosevelt. The construction of buildings in foreign capitols for the residence of our ambassadors and ministers is the beginning of a policy that has long been urged. Heretofore we have depended on rented buildings that were not always in accord with the national dignity. The prospect is that the foreign envoy will never be entirely dispensed with even though war be abolished and means of communication still further simplified. Apart from these bills, the session was practically fruitless. As is well known there were a number of bills presented for passage that were of the highest importance and whose enactment was dictated by national necessities as well as sanctioned by public opinion. But the senate with its usual lordly disregard of the people's interests, did not scruple to make these measures the footballs of selfish and partisan motives and witnessed their defeat with little feeling of compunction or moral responsibility. Such were the Reciprocity Bill, the Permanent Tariff Commission, Direct Election of senators, the Admission of Arizona and New Mexico as states, and Congressional reapportionment based on the late census.

The cars sent out free of charge by the railroads and carrying lecturers and fine stock are certainly indicative of an earnest desire on the part of the roads to develop the territory through which they run and thus increase the volume of freight, but after all it is apparent to any observer that these mission cars touch only a poor fraction of the farming population. This can not be avoided on account of the necessary limitations of such cars which must remain on the line and appeal for an audience only at the towns where an examination of the frequent large crowds would reveal a large majority of townsmen attracted by the same curiosity that draws people to a circus. Perhaps a better plan though not so spectacular, would be to employ a really good lecturer on farm topics and keep him traveling in those counties adjacent to the road. Such a man would reach ten times the farmers who visit the car and would have a much better opportunity to impress facts in a way that would produce results.

Waterpots.
 A waterpot is a substance tending to a strong upward draft of air which occurs above the surface of a body of comparatively warm water. Its effect first becomes visible in a circular motion at the point in the clouds to which it ascends. This becomes a whirl, which condenses the vapor at its center, causing the portion of the cloud there to drop downward in the shape of a gigantic jelly bag. At the same time the continuing upward draft increases the rapidity of its original swirl and the condensed vapor caught within it until the ascending and descending masses join to form the waterpot. Necessarily by this process the air beneath the spot is rarefied, and thus where the phenomenon occurs at sea the water always seems to be sucked up into it, although this is not really the case to any considerable extent. For similar reasons where a waterpot or tornado passes over a building it does most of its damage by exhausting the air outside, causing what is within to expand and blow the structure to pieces.

The White Whale.
 The white whale, or beluga, is an arctic cetacean and closely allied to the narwhal. It is pure white in color, twelve to eighteen feet long, whale-like in form, with a huge maw and numerous sharp conical teeth. The white whale swims with extraordinary speed by doubling its huge tail under its body and then striking out with it. Scientists who have studied it in its natural environs say that it is able to catch the swiftest of fishes, often pursuing its prey far up the northern rivers. It is gregarious and may be seen at times in herds of forty or fifty.

These birds not infrequently gambol around boats in the arctic seas, and the natives of Greenland often capture them with harpoons or nets. The flesh of the white whale, in fact, is a considerable source of food supply to them. From it also is derived one of the finest grades of commercial oil. The skins are tanned and the leather sold in the trade as "porpoise hide."—New York Times.

Sing a Song of Sixpence.
 The London Globe attempts an explanation of the rhyme "Sing a Song of Sixpence." Here it is: "The four and twenty blackbirds represent the four and twenty hours. The bottom of the pie is the world. The opening of the pie is the dawn of the day, when the birds begin to sing, and surely such a sight is fit for a king. The king in his counting house counting out his money is the sun. The money the king is counting represents the golden sunshine. The queen who sits in the parlor, is the moon. The honey she is eating is the moonlight. The industrious maid who is working in the garden before the sun has risen is the day dawn, and the clothes she hangs out are clouds. The bird that so tragically ends the song by slipping off her nose is the hour of sunset."

Traditions of Mother Shipton.
 Of all British prophets Mother Shipton is beyond doubt the most celebrated. She was, in fact, all that a prophet and witch should be. In strange contrast to the serious and scientific nostrums of the day she was born the sky became dark and gloomy and, according to her biographer, "beheld nothing for an hour but flames, thundering after a most hideous manner." Her personal appearance, described by her admiring biographer in 1602, is scarcely flattering: "Her physiognomy was so unshapely that it is altogether impossible to express fully in words or for the most ingenious to line her in colors, though many persons of eminent qualifications in that line have often attempted it, but without success."—Metropolitan Magazine.

Ups and Downs.
 Not every statesman takes his dismissal with the humor of the Duc d'Eperron, who fell into disgrace with Henry of Navarre. Descending one day the great staircase of the Louvre, he met Richelieu ascending it, and on the cardinal asking indifferently if there was anything new taking place d'Eperron replied: "Nothing, except that, as you see, I am going down and you are going up!" Mr. Blount-Burton tells the story in "The Fate of Henry of Navarre."

Advanced Fast.
 "Mike, didn't you have some trouble when you landed at New York?"
 "Died a bit, sor."
 "You hadn't any password admitting you to the country, had you?"
 "No, sor, but before I had been in the country tin days I had the grip."—Chicago Tribune.

Not Always Desirable.
 "Shall we advertise for a man with experience?"
 "Well, I don't know. The last man had so much experience that we couldn't teach him anything."—Pittsburg Post.

Warranted Not to Fail.
 Doctor—Your wife needs outdoor exercise more than anything else. How hard—But she won't go out. What am I to do? Doctor—Give her plenty of money to shop with.

Knew All About It.
 "Do any perquisites come in your way at the office?" "Not much they don't. We have a bumpy janitor who throws their kind of folks out."—Baltimore American.

Cuffs and the Landress.
 Why are laundry women the most forgiving of their sex? Because the more cuffs you give them the more they will do for you.

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Resolutions

We, the teachers of Shawnee Township Reading Circle, do appreciate and heartily approve of the energetic efforts, and the interests manifested in our public schools by our county superintendent, J. F. McDonald, therefore we pass the following resolutions:

First. We highly approve of the plans and methods in which our county superintendent is superintending the public schools of this county and endeavoring to raise their standard.

Second. That we, the teachers, will cooperate with our superintendent and do all in our power to help this great work of education.

Third. That we recommend our present county superintendent, J. T. McDonald, to the voters of this township and to the county at large, and ask them to help us in securing him for another term, as no other man is more able to carry out the plans which are now formulated by Mr. McDonald.

Signed,

Maymie Browning

H. R. Stephenson

Maud Kurre

L. M. Shaner

Bula Caldwell

R. C. Haynes

H. C. Hensley

Archie Mathews

Live Stock Report

Cattle receipts 3000. Market steady today and steady with a week ago on all kinds.

Hog receipts 14,000; market steady to 5c lower; lights and pigs \$7.20 to \$7.30; heavyweights \$6.90 to \$7.05; 200 to 225 pound hogs \$7.05 to \$7.15.

Sheep receipts 3000. Market steady. Top for Colo. lambs \$6.25; Western lambs \$6.15; handy weight Native lambs \$5.75 to \$6.00; top wethers \$4.55; best ewes \$4.25.

National Live Stock Commission Co

Hilderbrand Items

Health is good with the exception of a few cases of measles.

The infant son of Jean Bronam died Saturday evening and was buried Sunday.

D. C. Hilderbrand, W. F. Kuhlman, Fred Hols, and Emanuel Thomas have built a new telephone line from Filderbrand to Oak Ridge.

G. M. Hilderbrand is working at Frank Laurentin's saw mill.

Barney Thomas has his phone in now.

Anton Hilderbrand is pretty sick with the measles.

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